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March 14, 1926.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N.Y.
For Mr. Howland Wood, Curator.

Dear Sir:-

We do not find in our collection any of the medals issued by George Washington to Indian Chiefs. Nor do we know of the presence here of any of them. However, I shall write to Mr. Peter G. Thomson, College Hill, Cincinnati, who is possibly a collector possessing one.

Yours very truly,

Director.

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

Howard D. Wood
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March 20th, 1926

Ontario County Historical Society
Canandaigua, N.Y.

Gentlemen:

Would it be possible for you to send us an uncut print of the obverse and reverse of the oval silver Indian Peace Medal of 1792, which your Society owns? We should like to have this on a smooth or glossy paper. Some time ago, we received from you prints of this medal on rough paper, but we feel the rough paper does not do justice to the negatives.

We should, of course, be prepared to reimburse you for the cost of the print, and trust that you may see your way clear to sending same.

Thanking you in anticipation,

Very truly yours,

Curator

March 20th, 1926

Charleston Museum
Charleston, S.C.

Gentlemen:

I am wondering if, by any chance, you have any Indian Peace Medals in your Museum - especially the large silver engraved pieces bearing the dates between 1789 and 1795. Most of these have the figure of Washington and an Indian on the obverse, and on the reverse - the arms of the United States.

We are listing all the known specimens of these Indian Peace Medals, and we should appreciate it if you could give us any information as to whether your Museum has any pieces or if you know of other likely channels through which we might learn of medals as yet unknown to this Society.

Thanking you for any trouble you may take in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Curator

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The Charleston Museum

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CHARLESTON, S. C.

March 26, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

The three silver Indian Peace Medals which we have in the Charleston Museum are all much later than those you mention. They are each about 2-1/2 inches in diameter and are as follows:

Bust of Polk. Inscribed "James K Polk President of the United States" with the date 1845.
Reverse: Peace pipe and tomahawk with pipe crossed and beneath that hands clasped, with the words Peace and Friendship.

Bust of Fillmore. "Millard Fillmore President of the United States". Date - 1850. And underneath the bust in small letters "S. Ellis".
Reverse. Three medallions with "Labor","Virtue", "Honor". Underneath these the United States flag and a soldier and Indian. And in small letters "J Willson".

Bust of Grant. "United States of America". "Let us have Peace". "Liberty Justice and Equality".
Reverse. "On Earth Peace". Holy Bible. Globe surrounded by agricultural implements. The date 1871 and beneath this "Good Will toward Men".

I know of no one who has a collection of these medals but I understand that Mr. Phil D. Kohn of Greenville, S. C., has quite a large number of medals and it is barely possible he may have some.

Yours very truly,

Laura M. Bragg

Director.

LMB/R

P. S. These medals were deposited in the Museum by a former United States Indian agent to the Sioux Indians in what is now South Dakota.

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April 1. 1926

My dear Wood:-

I enclose a letter, just received, from Kansas City. I notice Mr. Butts speaks of having sent us a photo. of one side, so I guess we must have had no photo of the reverse. Now would it be to write him for a photo of reverse only. I do not see as we need both sides as we have one side already.

If this strikes you as all right will you write him to have the reverse only photographed and send us a couple of prints as soon as possible. this will save a couple of days time, Please keep this letter for me, so that I can have all the correspondence with this party together.

Yours

April 3rd, 1926

Mr. Edward Butts
Kansas City Public Library
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir:

Mr. Belden has turned over to me your letter. From what you say of the oval Indian Peace medal of Washington, we consider the reverse of sufficient interest to have a photograph made of it. We already have the obverse. I should greatly appreciate it if you would kindly have, therefore, the reverse photographed, furnishing us with two prints; and we shall take pleasure in sending you a remittance to cover cost as soon as we receive the bill for same. I may add that if possible, we should like to have the photograph the exact size of the medal.

Appreddating your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Curator

YALE UNIVERSITY
PEABODY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

April 5, 1926

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
New York.

Dear Sir:

Peabody Museum possesses no medals, and I am referring your letter of April 3 to the University Library, where Yale's numismatic collection is housed.

Very truly yours,

R. S. Lull

R. S. Lull, Director

CABLE ADDRESS - MUSEUM, CHICAGO

FIELD MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

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CHICAGO

April 5, 1911.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet. 155th and 156th Sts.
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your circular of April 3, Field Museum
has not and cannot buy Indian implements.

Very truly yours,

Berthold Laufer,

Curator of Ethnology.

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The Ontario County Historical Society

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April 5, 19[illegible]

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Curator American Numismatic Society,

Broadway between 155 and 156 Sts.,

New York.

Dear Sir:

Your inquiry of the 26th, in regard to prints of the Peace Medal in our Museum, has been referred to Floyd H. Gunnison, a local photographer, who I think made negatives of the medal several years ago. I would like to communicate with you direct.

Very truly yours,

C. Milliken

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University, Ala., April 5,1926.

Mr.Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 1 to the Museum of the Geological Survey of Alabama, has been received.

We have no specimen of the Indian Peace medals referred to, but will take pleasure in informing you if any of these medals come under our notice.

Very truly yours,

Eugene A Smith

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS
NEW YORK

April 6th, 1926

Sauk County Historical Society
Baraboo, Wis.

Gentlemen:

Our Society is working up for publication the series of medals presented by England and our Government to Indian Chiefs. These medals are popularly known as Indian Peace Medals.

It is our desire to locate all the extant medals which were issued by George Washington. They are thin, oval, silver pieces, varying from five to seven inches in height. One side is engraved with the figure of Washington extending his hand to an Indian who is smoking a pipe; on the reverse appears the Arms of the United States.

If you should have any specimen of this medal in your collection, we should greatly appreciate it if you would kindly so inform us.

Very truly yours,

Howland Wood
Curator

There is no such medal in the Sauk County Historical Collection.

Yours truly,
M. C. Crandall, Sec.

Baraboo, Wisc.
April 14/1926.

Illinois State Historical Library
SPRINGFIELD.

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April 6,1926.

The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Streets,
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Your circular letter of the 3d inst at hand and in reply I beg to say we have no specimen of the medal you describe. I would suggest that you write to Mr. Clarence Beckwith of Danville, Illinois, whose father, the late Judge H. W. Beckwith had some fine specimens. He may be able to assist you in your quest.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours, Jessie Palmer Weber

Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society.

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library.

April 7th, 1926

Mr. R. W. Bingham
Buffalo Historical Society
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

A while ago, at Mr. Belden's request, you sent three of the small negatives of the Red Jacket medal. We are returning these to you by parcel post, and wish to thank you very sincerely for sending them to us.

Our delay in returning the package to you, is due to the fact that we wished to experiment with enlarging, etc. of these negatives, but we, after all, decided that we get more satisfactory results from the large print which we already have.

Again thanking you very much for your courtesy and kind co-operation,

Very truly yours,

Curator

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April 7, 1926.

American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City, N.Y.

Gentlemen:-

Replying to your inquiry of April 3rd, I regret to say that we do not have any of the Washington Indian Peace Medals which you mention, meither do we know of any in Masonic museums. If you have not already done so, I suggest that you address

William L Boyden, Librarian,
P.O. Box 3095,
Washington, D.C.

J. E. Burnett Buckenham, Librarian,
Masonic Temple,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Very truly yours,

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LITCHFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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April 9, 1926.

Howland Wood, Esq.

Curator American Numismatic Soc.

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Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter [illegible],

addressed to the society, I beg to say that

we have no specimen of the medal mentioned

in our collection.

Very truly yours,

F. Humphrey Bull

Secretary

FB/HC

MILWAUKEE PUBLIC MUSEUM
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN
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April
Ninth,
1926

Mr. Howland Wood,
Curator, The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway bet.155th & 156th St.,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:-

Your favor of April 6th, making inquiry as to whether or not this Museum has any medals popularly known as Indian Peace Medals, is at hand.

Dr. Barrett has asked me to answer your inquiry and to say that we have no such medals in our medal collection.

Trusting that this will give you the desired information and regretting that we can not be of further assistance to you, I remain

Very truly yours,

Gertrude P. Engel

For S. A. Barrett, Director.

GPE

St. Augustine Institute of Science
and
Historical Society
St. Augustine
Florida

April 9th 1926

The American Numismatic Society
Broadways
New York

Mr. Howland Wood
Curator

Dear Sir:- Your letter of inquiry regarding medals bestowed upon Indian Chiefs received.

In reply would say nothing is known here of the medals referred to in your letter.

Can you give us any idea of the value of old English Continental Coins (copper) old bearing dates of 1700 we would appreciate any information you might be able to give us regarding same.

Yours very truly
Sara B. Underwood
Asst. Sec'y Lib.

(Mrs. U.W.)

Yale University Library

New Haven Connecticut

Andrew Keogh
Librarian

April 9, 1926.

Howland Wood, Esq., Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

Peabody Museum has sent to me your letter of April the 3rd, asking whether Yale has any of the Indian Peace medals issued by George Washington.

There are no medals in the Peabody Museum, the collection of coins and medals being in this Library. We have none of the Indian Peace medals in this Library, and so far as I know there are none in the city.

Yours very sincerely,

Andrew Keogh

MW

April 10th, 1925

Miss Jessie Palmer Weber
Illinois State Historical Society
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Madam:

Thank you for your communication of April 6th. We shall be glad to follow your suggestion to write to Mr. Clarence Beckwith with regard to the Indian Peace Medals.

Appreciating your co-operation,

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 10th, 1926

Mr. Clarence Beckwith
Danville, Ill.

Dear Sir:

We have been referred to you by the Illinois State Historical Society as being a possessor of certain Indian Peace Medals, and our Society is working up for publication the series of medals presented by England and our Government to Indian Chiefs.

It is our desire to locate all of the extant medals which were issued by George Washington. They are thin, oval, silver pieces, varying from five to seven inches in height. On one side is engraved Washington extending his hand to an Indian who is smoking a pipe; with the Arms of the United States on the reverse.

If you have any specimen of this medal in your collection, I should greatly appreciate it if you would so inform me, as I am sure you will appreciate how anxious we are to have as complete a record as possible in our forthcoming publication.

Appreciating your courtesy in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 10th, 1926

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If you should have any specimen of this medal in your collection, we should greatly appreciate it if you would kindly so inform us.

Very truly yours,

Curator

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
ANN ARBOR
GENERAL LIBRARY

WILLIAM WARNER BISHOP
LIBRARIAN

April 10, 1926.

My dear Sir:

In answer to your letter of April third, I am sorry to say that we do not have any of the medals issued by George Washington which you are trying to locate.

Very respectfully,

Wm. W. Bishop
Librarian.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway Between 155th and
156th Streets,
New York City.

M:ML

April 10th, 1926

Mr. C. C. Hunt
Iowa Masonic Library
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Dear Sir:

I very much appreciate your courtesy in suggesting our writing to Mr. William J. Boyden and Mr. J. E. Burnett Buckenham with regard to our desire to locate further Iowa Peace fields. We shall be very glad to avail ourselves of your suggestion.

Appreciating your co-operation in the matter,

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 10th, 1926

Mr. J. E. Burnett Buckenham
Masonic Temple
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buckenham:

Mr. C. C. Hunt of the Iowa Masonic Temple at Cedar Rapids, has suggested that we write to you with regard to Indian Peace Medals.

Our Society is preparing for publication the series of medals presented by England and our Government to Indian Chiefs. It is our desire to locate all of the extant medals which were issued by George Washington. They are thin, oval, silver pieces, varying from five to seven inches in height. On one side is engraved the figure of Washington extending his hand to an Indian who is smoking a pipe; on the reverse is the Arms of the United States.

If you should know of any specimen of this medal, we should greatly appreciate your courtesy if you would kindly so inform us.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 10th, 1926

Mr. William L. Boyden
P.O.Box 3095
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Mr. C. C. Hunt of the Iowa Masonic Library at Cedar Rapids, has suggested our writing to you with regard to the possibility of your being able to inform us concerning any Indian Peace Medals.

Our Society is preparing for publication the series of medals presented by England and our Government to Indian Chiefs. It is our desire to locate all of the medals which were issued by George Washington. They are thin, oval, silver pieces, varying from five to seven inches in height. On the one side is engraved the figure of Washington extending his hand to an Indian who is smoking a pipe; on the reverse is the Arms of the United States.

If you should know of any specimen of this medal, we should greatly appreciate it ff you would kindly so inform us.

Very truly yours,

Curator

B/vc

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IN REPLY REFER TO FILE NO. A400

April 12,1926.

My dear Mr.Wood:

Replying to your inquiry of April 6th, we do not have any Washington Indian peace medal.

Your interest in such matters may warrant the conveyance of the information to you, that in the collection of John K.McEwen of Rockford in this State, are some 15 or more silver medals which were apparently issued by the French and British to Indians in the old central Alabama territory. I have seen several with what appear to be private courts of arms engraved thereon, but others have the crown of France and others George III court of arms. Mr.McEwen has purchased these from farmers who have plowed them up, paying old silver value therefor. While I do not think he would dispose of any, he would make you drawings of them.

Very truly,

Acting Director.

Mr.Howland Wood, Curator,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York, N.Y.

BELOIT COLLEGE
BELOIT, WISCONSIN

LOGAN MUSEUM

April 15, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I have your favor of April 6th regarding medals presented by our government to Indian chiefs. The Logan Museum does not possess any of these Indian peace medals, hence we cannot aid you in your search, though we would be very glad to loan them if we had them.

Sincerely yours,

W. K. Moorehead
Curator, Logan Museum.

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Masonic Temple, Phila.
April 13th, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th Sts.,
New York, N. Y.

My Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have your favor of 10th in re Indian Peace Medals. I am glad to learn of the intended publication on the Peace Medals and will keep in mind your desire to locate those given out by George Washington, and if I learn of the whereabouts of any of them, I will let you know.

It is interesting to note what you say regarding the form and dimensions of these medals in view of the fact that the U.S. Mint claims that these medals were begun in Washington's administration and were known as Peace Medals up to the time of President Jackson, and all had on the reverse the same clasped hands and crossed pipes in token of peace and friendship. After that time they were known as Presidential Medals and the reverse bore some other appropriate device and the clasped hands and crossed pipes were not shown. All of the medals bore on the obverse the head of the President during whose term the War department issued them to the Indians and later the mint sold them as commemorative tokens. The mint even lists now for sale copies of the Washington Peace Medal in bronze, 48 mm. in diameter (the dimension of all in the series) for $1.00, leading one to believe that the original medals were of that size and shape.

Unfortunately we have none of the kind which you describe.

I am enclosing a rubbing of a medal which no one seems to recognize. I have sent it to London and they were stumped. Harold E. Gillingham can not identity it. It is nothing so rare that it should be impossible, but I just have'nt shown it to the right person. I have three of them; two this size and one smaller.

Very truly yours,

J. E. Burnett Buckenham

Librarian and Curator.

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April 14 1926

Mr Howland Wood
American Numismatic Society
New York

Dear sir

Refering to your inquiry as to Indian Peace Medals I may say that I am not familiar with them except as to there being such medals, for I have seen one or two in times past, but their particular significance has passed entirely out of my mind.

Mr. Milton E Hamburger of 1236 7th street Northwest, this city, whom I know very well and who is a dealer in coins and medals and scarce jewelery, is quite experienced in these matters, and I doubt not but what he is familiar with these particular medals, at least as to some of them. You might write him and use my name. I believe he is a member of some numismatic society.

Yours sincerely

Wm L Boyden

April 15th, 1926

File No.A400

Mr. Peter A. Brannon
Dept. of Archives & History
Montgomery, Ala.

Dear Sir:

I beg to thank you very much for your letter of April 12th with regard to the Indian Peace Medals, about which we wrote you. We shall be glad to write to Mr. John K. McEwen with regard to the matter, and greatly appreciate your co-operation.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 15th, 1926

J. E. Burnett Buckenham, Esq.
R.W. Grand Lodge F. & A.M. of Pennsylvania
Masonic Temple, Phila.

Dear Mr. Buckenham:

Replying to your letter of April 13th, I have always been stumped with regard to the medal of which you have sent a rubbing. I have always considered it Masonic, especially on account of the Temple(?) alphabet on the reverse. We have two or three specimens but I have never been able to find out anything about them.

The round medals with Washington and the clasped hands were made at the Mint many years later, largely to complete the round series of these pieces. I think they were first made about the year 1844. It is a peculiar thing that our Museum has a silver and a bronze specimen of these which have come direct from Indians.

Very truly yours,

Curator

DAVENPORT ACADEMY OF SCIENCES
DAVENPORT, IOWA

EDWARD K. PUTNAM
ACTING DIRECTOR
J. H. PAARMANN
CURATOR

April 15, 1926.

Howland Wood,

American Numismatic Society,

Broadway & 155th St.,

New York City.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Replying to your letter of April 3rd, I regret to say that we do not have an example of the Washington Indian ~~Face~~ Peace Metal.

With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Edward K. Putnam

EKP/H

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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April 15, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood,

Curatorm,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,
New York,N.Y.,

Dear Sir:

In response to letter of 10th April relating to "Indian Peace Medals," upon which the figure of Washington is shown in the act of extending his hand to an Indian smoking a pipe, I have to say that Ihave heard of those medals, but have never been able to definitely locate one in any part of the original"Oregon Country," meaning by that the region hounded on the south by the 42d parallel,west by the Pacific Ocean,north by the 49th paralle and the east by the summit of the Rocky mountains.Z

This Society has a silver medal issued during President Jefferson's term of office, and doubtless brought it into Oregon by the Lewis and Clark Exploring exploring expedition in 1804-6. I enclose an impression of it, not that you would care for it especially; yet it might be a matter of some interest.

Very truly yours,

Geo. H. Himes

Curator

April 16th, 1926

John K. McEwen, Esq.
Rockford, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Your name has been given us by Mr. Peter A. Brannon, of Montgomery, Dept. of Archives and History, as one who is interested in medals, and we are hoping that perhaps you may be in a position to give us some information which we are seeking.

Our Society is preparing for publication the series of medals presented by the English and our Government to Indians; these medals, as you know, are popularly known as Indian Peace Medals.

They are thin, oval, silver pieces varying from five to seven inches in height, which were issued by George Washington. On one side is engraved the figure of Washington extending his hand to an Indian who is smoking a pipe; the reverse shows the Arms of the United States.

In order to have our publication as complete as possible, we should greatly appreciate it if you could supply us with any information with regard to the matter.

Trusting we may count on your kind co-operation,

Very truly yours,

Curator

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

SECOND AND PARNASSUS AVENUES, SAN FRANCISCO

April 16, 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,

The American Numismatic Society,

Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets,

New York City.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 3, 1926, concerning medals presented by England and our government to Indian chiefs has been received. An examination of our records and collections reveals no medals issued by George Washington.

I would suggest that you might write to the University of California Library, Berkeley, California, and inquire if there are any such medals in the keeping of the Library.

Regretting that the Museum has none of these medals and that we cannot therefore collaborate with you in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

T. T. Waterman

Curator.

TTW:EL

April 17th, 1926

Mr. J. H. Gest
Cincinnati Museum Assoc.
Cincinnati, Ohio

Dear Sir:

Referring to your favour of March 14th, I very much appreciate your interest in our desire to obtain all data possible with regard to Indian Peace Medals, and I desire to thank you very much for writing to Mr. Peter G. Thomson with regard to the matter.

Appreciating your kind co-operation,

Very truly yours,

Curator

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EDITH TOBITT, Librarian

April 17th, 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway and 155th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

I have your circular letter making inquiry regarding medals issued by England and our Government to Indian chiefs. I have looked carefully through our collection, but find nothing of this kind. If I later find that I have made a mistake I will let you know.

Very sincerely yours,

Edith Tobitt

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April 19,1926

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

In reply to your inquiry of April 8,1926, regarding medals issued by George Washington and presented to Indian Chiefs, I have to report that I do not know of any such medals in this State. The University of Texas Library has none. The Texas State Library had none up to 1914, at which time I transferred to this library.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Winkler

Librarian

EWW/P

M. W. EMRICK, M. D.
1426 MARKET STREET
HARRISBURG, PA.

Apr. 20, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood.
American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of the 8th. to the Historical Society of Dauphin County, this city, inquiring concerning the Maine Peace Medals, has been referred to me.

I am sorry to say that we do not have any among our possessions.

As a member of the American Numismatic Society, I shall be pleased to inform you of any that may come upon in my ramblings at any time.

Very Truly yours.
M. W. Emrick.

April 20th, 1926

Edward Butts, Esq.
Public Library
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Mr. Butts:

Last Saturday, we received the photographs of the Indian Peace Medals and note that you have paid the bill. I am, herewith, sending you our cheque for three dollars and fifty cents ($3.50), and beg to thank you very much for the trouble you have taken in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 21st, 1926

Mr. E. W. Gifford
Museum of Anthropology, Uni. of California
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your interest in supplying us with the name of the California Library, where you think it may be possible to secure information with regard to Ibdian Peace Medals. We appreciate your kind co-operation in the matter.

Very truly yours,

Curator

April 22nd, 1926

University of California Library
Berkeley, Cal.

Gentlemen:

At the suggestion of Mr. E. W. Gifford of the Museum of Anthropology, we are writing to you with regard to Indian Peace Medals, in the hope that you may possibly be able to furnish us information concerning these medals.

This Society is preparing for publication the series of these medals issued by the English and our Government to George Washington, and presented to Indians. The obverse has engraved the figure of Washington extending his hand to an Indian who is smoking a pipe; the reverse shows the Arms of the United States.

If you should know of any such specimens, we should be most grateful if you will kindly so inform us as we are anxious to collect all possible records in order that our publication may be as complete as possible.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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April 23, 1926

Mr. Howland Wood,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Wood:

In answer to your inquiry for medals that may be in our possession, bearing an engraved figure of Washington, will say that we do not have in our collection, any medals ante-dating those of Thomas Jefferson. There are a few medals in possession of Indians up and down the Missouri, but personally, I have not seen one older than James Monroe.

When I say this, I do not wish you to infer that there may not be some of the Washington medals along this part of the upper Missouri. Indians who have these medals are too proud to dispose of them, in most cases, and when they have been offered for sale, the scarcity of our funds, make us poor competitors with persons who come from the East, and put in their whole time going from place to place, looking for such mementoes. It is with regret that I have to inform you that we do not have any of the medals you inquire about.

Very sincerely yours,

Lewis F. Crawford

Lewis F. Crawford
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April 26, 1926.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th & 156th sts.,
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your inquiry of April 3 concerning medals of England and our government which were given to Indian chiefs:

We have no medals of that description in our collections.

Very truly yours,

Irma B. Tanner.

(Mrs.) Irma B. Tanner,
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April 37, 1936.

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator,

American Numismatic Society,

New York;

Dear Sir:

Your letter of April 3 in some way was overlooked at the time of receipt and has only today re-appeared. Please pardon delay in replying.

We do not carry coins or other historical material in our collections, our activities being confined to the natural resources and natural history of the State.

The repository of our historical material is the State Hall of History, Fred. A. Olds, Director, and a line to him might prove of interest to you, though I do not remember having seen any object on exhibit that agrees with your description of the "Indian Peace Medals". Nevertheless, I think it would be worthwhile writing to Director Olds.

Yours very truly,

H. H. Brimley.

Curator, N. C. State Museum.

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Historical, Memorial and Art Department of Iowa

EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

Des Moines April 28, 1926.

Dr, Howland Wood,
156th Street & Broadway,
New York, New York.

My dear Doctor Wood:

To your circular letter of April 3 I should have responded that we have not among our Indian medals such as you ask for.

Sincerely yours,

E. R. Harlan

ERH/LSW

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April 30, 1926.

Dr. Howland Wood, Curator,
The American Numismatic Society,
Broadway between 155th and 156th Sts.,
New York City.

My dear Dr. Wood:

I have yours of the 6th and regret that Colorado College has none of the medals to which you refer.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Postlethwaite

Treasurer.

WWP:JG

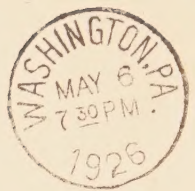
Mr. Howland Wood, Curator-

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 6, which has delayed on account of sickness, would state that we do not possess any Indian Peace Medals.

Respectfully, John S. Hill Sec

Washington Co. Historical Soc. Washington



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Mr. Howland Wood,
American Numismatic Society,
Boradway - 156 St., New York.

My dear Mr. Wood:

Your esteemed favor received.
I regret to announce that this Museum possesses no examples of Peace Medals.

Yours very truly,

Geo T. Barron
Curator.

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May 15, 1926

Howland Wood, Esq.
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 156 Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Wood:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 11. I shall look forward with pleasure to visiting your Museum sometime when I am in New York.

I do not happen to have any of the Indian Peace Medals or I would be glad to forward you photographs for your book.

Yours very truly,

Ralph Budd

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May 21, 1926

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator
The American Numismatic Society
Broadway bet. 155th & 156th Streets
New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

Replying to yours of the 22nd ult. I regret to say that we cannot be of assistance to you. We have no Washington Medal of the type indicated and do not know where one is to be found.

Yours truly,

Harold L. Leupp

EH:HR

Librarian